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FORMER LEAWOOD, KANSAS MAN SENTENCED FOR FAILING TO PAY TAXES TO THE IRS

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that Floyd McMillon, 56, Franklin, Arkansas, formerly of Leawood, Kansas, was sentenced on July 14, 2003, by Chief U.S. District Judge John W. Lungstrum to sixty-three months in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by three years of supervised release, and ordered to pay \$621,210.76 in restitution to the victims of the case.

Melgren said that McMillon entered a guilty plea on February 10, 2003, to one count of filing a false tax return and one count of failing to pay over taxes to the IRS.

Melgren stated that McMillon admitted at his plea that from July 19, 1996, through April 30, 2000, McMillon owned and operated Acculine Consulting Group, Inc., Overland Park, Kansas, a company that provided tax return preparation, bookkeeping and payroll services for small businesses. McMillon admitted that Acculine calculated employment taxes to be withheld from each pay check for the employees of these small businesses, prepared and submitted the required employment tax forms to the IRS, electronically withdrew funds from these business clients' bank accounts, and deposited these funds into Acculine's bank account. McMillon further admitted that he withdrew more than \$1,000,000 in funds from the bank accounts of Acculine's business clients that had been set aside to pay their respective employment taxes and that he used these funds for his personal use. McMillon also admitted that he withdrew approximately \$318,165.27 from one small business' bank account, which was due and owing to the IRS for employment and payroll taxes, yet only forwarded approximately \$116,899.05 to the IRS.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Johnson County District Attorney's Office, Leawood Police Department, Olathe Police Department, and Overland Park Police Department in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott Rask in this prosecution.

"The signing and filing of a fraudulent tax return, as well as willful failure to pay over any federal tax is a serious federal tax violation," said Al Patton, Special Agent in Charge of IRS Criminal Investigation. "These acts increase the tax burden on the majority of our citizens and employers that fully comply in meeting their tax obligations."